

South Branch Community Meeting
March 10, 2004 @ 5:00 p.m.
South Branch Community Center

Committee Chairman Tony Warrington called the meeting to order. Those present: Laurie Boivin and Stephanie Awonohopay. Also present: Doug Cox, Carol Warrington, Lloyd Pecore, Bruce Wilber, Keith Katchenago, Margaret Teller, Debra Lyons, Gerald Dick, Brenda Dick, Gerald Teller and Edith Peters.

A moment of silence was observed.

Doug Cox gave a presentation on the Eurasian Milfoil. This is an aquatic plant that is currently starting to take over Legend Lake. The Legend Lake property association has received a grant for one year to use chemicals to try and combat the plant. The treatment will happen in the early spring; as soon as the ice leaves the water.

Other issues/concerns from the community:

- Housing-repairs not being done; the housing maintenance comes in each year to do a survey and every year it's the same things that need repair but nothing ever gets fixed.
- Housing-they are supposed to come and change the water filters every month on the Culligan systems. This is not being done. Every time the electricity goes out the systems go down and have to be re-set. Housing is not coming to do this.
- Housing-the maintenance secretary, Melodie Page, is very rude, she talks back to residents and if she doesn't like you; your repairs go to the bottom of the pile or get lost.
- MTE-there is a conflict there with employees sitting on the Board. How can they be the boss over the President and the President be the boss over them as employees? Something needs to be done about this.
- MTL/MTE Task Force-there is a conflict with the people sitting on the task force. There are 2 brothers sitting on it representing each side. There is a father sitting on it from the Tribes side and he has a son working on the MTE side.
- Casino board-what has happened with this?
- Aging Division-complaints regarding the supervisors and the conditions which some are forced to work under.
- Tribal Attorney-it is time for a new one.
- Casino-Housekeeping and Blackjack departments-these should be run by Menominee's.
- Casino-employees given new policy & procedure manuals; they wanted you to sign a signatory page stating that you received it and that you understood it before you even had a chance to read the manual.
- The Hall property in Middle Village-is partially burned down; kids are going to be playing around this. It should be torn down.
- The death of Monroe Weso-is the Tribe going to push for the three people responsible to get fully prosecuted by the U.S. attorney? By the marks on his body that could be seen at the funeral, there were bruises all over, he was an elder and something should be done about this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services